

*Strikes balance between needs of intelligence community and civil liberties*

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) applauded passage of the FISA Amendments Act.

The FISA Amendments Act, H.R. 3773, passed today by a vote of 213 to 197.

“The FISA Amendments Act protects Americans against terrorists while at the same time safeguarding civil liberties.”

The Act enables the intelligence community to conduct the electronic surveillance necessary to protect a

And in a significant step towards protecting civil liberties for American citizens, it provides that – except i

The bill also rejects the Bush Administration’s request that Congress grant blanket retroactive immunity.

Although the Bush Administration requested Members approve blanket immunity, the White House also

Instead, the FISA Amendments Act provides these companies with a mechanism to present their defens